

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Claims 2 and 19 are cancelled. New claim 20 has been added. Claims 1, 3, and 18 are currently being amended. Claims 1, 3-18, and 20 are currently pending

Claims 2-10, 13, and 19 have been identified as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2. Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 19. New claim 20 corresponds to the former claim 13. Thus, claims 1, 3-18, and 20 are now in condition for allowance.

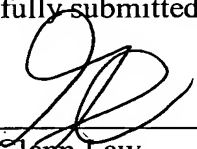
Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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